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Labor Market Report November 2019

TOPEKA, Kan. – Preliminary estimates reported by the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show a [seasonally adjusted unemployment rate](#) of 3.1 percent in November. This was unchanged from 3.1 percent in October and a decrease from 3.3 percent in November 2018.

“This month’s report shows continued improvement in labor market conditions in Kansas. The state gained jobs and maintained the lowest unemployment rate in 40 years,” said Secretary Delía García. “Unemployment insurance claims data shows widespread improvement over the last twelve months, but there is still room for improvement.”

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 1,200 from October. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 900 from the previous month.

“Preliminary estimates for November show a modest increase in jobs for the state,” said Senior Labor Economist, Tyler Tenbrink. “The industry showing the most notable increase is transportation equipment manufacturing where workers returned to the payroll after being on strike in October.”

Since November 2018, Kansas gained 16,800 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 11,800 private sector jobs.

OVERVIEW

| | | Over the Month | Over the Year |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| | | <u>Current Level</u> | <u>Change</u> |
| Jobs* | Total Nonfarm | 1,440,000 | 1,200 |
| | Total Private Sector | 1,176,900 | 900 |
| | Total Government | 263,100 | 300 |
| Labor Force* | Labor Force | 1,493,152 | 4,488 |
| | Participation Rate | 66.9% | 0.1 |
| | Employed Individuals | 1,446,194 | 4,238 |
| | Unemployed Individuals | 46,958 | 250 |
| | Unemployment Rate | 3.1% | 0.0 |
| Unemployment Insurance | Initial Claims | 6,485 | 609 |
| | Continued Claims | 29,804 | -911 |

* Estimates are seasonally adjusted

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm jobs estimates for October upward by 1,000 jobs, from 1,437,800 to 1,438,800. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised upward by 800 jobs, from 1,175,200 to 1,176,000.

Complete Kansas labor market information for November is available [here](#).

HELPFUL LINKS are located [here](#)

The December 2019 Labor Report will be released on Friday, January 24.

Audio clips of the Labor Market Report quotes by Secretary of Labor, Delia García and Senior Labor Economist, Tyler Tenbrink are available online, courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.

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